Athlete Candidate Questionnaire
USA Climbing Athletes’ Advisory Committee

NOTE: This questionnaire will be used to verify an athlete’s eligibility (see the additional information below) to stand for election and subsequently presented to the electorate during the election.

Full Name:
Jesse Grupper

USAC Member # (must be a member by May 31, 2020): 12125505

Place of Residence: Montclair, NJ

Number of years as a USA Climbing competitor: 14

Athlete Category (Competitor, Collegiate, Paraclimbing): Competitor

Disciplines in which you participate (indicate all that apply): Lead, Bouldering.

USA Climbing competition history (listing of USAC sanctioned international competitions with dates, division (lead, speed, bouldering) and finishing place:

- 1st - 2019 Sport Open National Championships Alexandria, VA
- 1st -2019 Collegiate National Championships, Murfreesboro, TN
- 5th - 2019 World Cup lead, Inzai, Japan
- 7th - 2019 World Cup lead, Xiamen, China
- 5th - 2018 World University Championships, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2nd - 2015 IFSC World Youth Championships in Arco, Italy

Other experience that may be relevant:
- AAC athlete representative for the past two years
- Athlete director on the Board of USAC for the past two years

Have you ever received any sanction in relation to the World Anti-Doping Code: (YES/NO)
No

Personal Statement:

Why do you want to serve as a member of the USA Climbing Athletes’ Advisory Committee?

Serving as a volunteer for USAC for the past two years has given me a unique vantage point into the workings of the organization and has given me the opportunity to raise the voices of athletes in my community and country. I hope to continue to learn and listen to concerns from my community, and use this position to make USAC more inclusive, equitable, and diverse.
Additional information regarding eligibility:

**Disclosures and Disqualification:** An individual is ineligible to serve on the committee if such individual has a felony conviction or any other violation that would disqualify the individual under USA Climbing’s SafeSport Screening and Criminal Background Check Policy. When expressing interest in serving, an individual must make Background Disclosure as required under Section 5.3(e) and such other disclosure as requested by the Nominating and Governance Committee, and must permit such disclosures to be shared with others who are assessing the individual’s qualifications for appointment or retention or whose input is sought in connection with such assessment.

**USA Climbing Commitment to Diversity:** USA Climbing encourages all to participate. Members of the Board, committees, working groups, and task forces are selected without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity. USA Climbing is committed to providing equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in climbing competitions without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity, or national origin. Diversity at all levels of USA Climbing is desirable, including among the membership of the Board, Committees, Task Forces and Working Groups, and among its athletes. Open discussion and the presentation of a diversity of views is encouraged.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
From Section 11.8(a)(iii) and (iv) of the Bylaws:
A candidate for election to the Athletes’ Advisory Committee must be a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age by when the election is held, and must meet other eligibility requirements described below.

**Athlete Eligibility:**

*Standard Athletic requirement (From Section 11.8(a)(ii) of the Bylaws):*

**Minimum Athletic requirement:**

1) has represented the United States as an Athlete in the Olympic Games, International Federation of Sport Climbing World Championships, International Federation of Sport Climbing Pan American Championships, or other major international competitions (which for this general standard includes such events as, or events substantially equivalent to, World Cups, World Championships, Panamerican Championships, Youth World Championships, Youth Panamerican Championships, World University Games, Olympic qualifying events, paraclimbing world cups and paraclimbing international championships) within the ten (10) year period (a) in the case of elections, prior to the Record Date (as defined in Section 5.2 above), or, (b) in the case of appointments, prior to the appointment or prior to December 31 of the year in which the appointment is made, or (c) in the case of appointments to committees, working groups, task forces or hearing panels of Athletes then-currently serving on the USAC AAC, prior to the date such Athlete began serving on the USAC AAC; or

2) has been actively engaged in competition at USA Climbing sanctioned events, which entails not only being a member of USA Climbing but also having competed in one or more USA Climbing sanctioned events, within the two (2) year period (a) in the case of elections, prior to the Record Date (as defined in Section 5.2 above), or, (b) in the case of appointments, prior to the appointment or prior to December 31 of the year in which the appointment is made; and
From Section 11.8(c) of the Bylaws:

**Concurrent Service.** Athletes may simultaneously serve as Athlete directors, Athlete members of the USAC Athletes’ Advisory Committee, USOPC Athlete Representatives or Alternates, members of other committees, working groups, task forces, or Hearing Panels, competitors, volunteers and/or officials, or in each case as candidates therefor.